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SUBJECT: CCD: SEABED ARMS CONTROL TREATY REVIEW CONFERENCE:

APRIL 25 MEETING ON ORGANIZATIONAL ISSUES

REF: STATE 091900 (NOTAL)

1. SUMMARY. WESTERN EUROPEANS AND OTHERS MET ON APRIL 25 AND AGREED ON IFI#CHAIRMAN OF DRAFTING COMMITTEE, AND ITALY,NETHERLANDS, AND NORWAY AS OTHER BUREAU CANDIDATES. CONSULTATIONS TO BE HELD WITH OTHER MEMBERS OF WEO GROUP WHO WERE NOT PRESENT AT APRIL 25 MEETING, SO THAT POLISH  
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AMBASSADOR WYZNER, AS PREPCOM CHAIRMAN, COULD BE ADVISED OF CANDIDATES WHICH WEO GROUP WAS SUPPORTING. END SUMMARY.

2. WESTERN EUROPEANS AND OTHER GROUP MET MORNING OF APRIL 25 AT CANADIAN DELEGATION, PARTICIPANTS CONSIST-  
ING OF REPS FROM UK, NETHERLANDS, AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND, FRG, JAPAN, NORWAY, CANADA AND US. IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO

MEETING, CANADIAN, NETHERLANDS AND (#) OF DRAFTING COMMITTEE  
CHAIRMANSHIP IN LIGHT REFTEL,

PARA 1. NETHERLANDS AMB VAN DER KLAUW SAID HIS FOREIGN  
OFFICE DID NOT WISH HIM TO BE DRAFTING COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN,  
ALTHOUGH IT WOULD NOT OBJECT TO HIS PARTICIPATION AS VICE  
PRESIDENT. CANADIAN AMB JAY SAID THAT, ALTHOUGH WITH  
PERSONAL RELUCTANCE, OTTAWA WAS WILLING TO HAVE HIM SERVE  
AS DRAFTING COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, IF OTHER MEMBERS WEO GROUP  
WISH THIS. WHEN MEETING WAS CONVENED ALL OTHER PARTICIPANTS  
SUPPORTED CANADA AS DRAFTING COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN. (UK AND  
US AUTOMATICALLY ON BUREAU AS DEPOSITARIES).

3. JAY ASKED WHETHER IT WAS DESIRABLE TO HAVE "FALL BACK"  
CANDIDATE FOR THIS POSITION IF THERE WERE DIFFICULTIES  
BECAUSE OF CANDIDACIES FROM OTHER STATES. NETHERLANDS  
OBJECTED, SUPPORTED BY ALL OTHER WEO REPS, THAT THIS WAS  
TACTICALLY UNWISE SINCE IDEA WOULD INEVITABLY LEAK, AND  
CANADA DROPPED IDEA.

4. GROUP AGREED THAT ADDITIONAL WEO VICE PRESIDENCY POSITIONS  
SHOULD GO TO ITALY, NORWAY AND NETHERLANDS. QUESTION WAS  
RAISED WHETHER THERE WOULD BE DIFFICULTIES CREATED  
BY OMISSION OF MALTA, IN LIGHT OF PROMINENT ROLE PLAYED BY  
MALTA IN BRINGING ABOUT SEABED TREATY NEGOTIATIONS. IN THIS  
CONNECTION, AUSTRALIAN REP OBSERVED THAT IF CANADA WAS NOT  
CHAIRMAN OF DRAFTING COMMITTEE, HE HOPED THAT CANADA  
WOULD AT LEAST BE ABLE TO BE VICE PRESIDENT. IT WAS  
AGREED BEST APPROACH TO ASCERTAIN MALTA'S REACTION WAS  
TO PRESENT IT IN FORM OF CONSULTATION, TO ADVISE OF  
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DECISIONS TAKEN BY WEO MEMBERS PRESENT AT THESE TWO  
MEETINGS ON ORGANIZATIONAL QUESTIONS, WHEN SOLICITING  
SUPPORT OF ABSENT MEMBERS OF WEO GROUP. CANADIAN REP  
JAY AGREED HE WOULD APPROACH MALTA IN THIS CONTEXT.  
IT WAS ALSO AGREED THAT OTHER ABSENT WEO GROUP DELE-  
GATIONS WOULD BE ADVISED OF THESE CHOICES AND THEIR  
SUPPORT SOLICITED AS FOLLOWS: DUTCH WOULD SPEAK TO  
BELGIANS, UK TO IRELAND, SWEDEN TO AUSTRIA AND  
SWITZERLAND, AND US TO PORTUGAL AND TURKEY. FOLLOWING  
ADVICE TO CANADIAN REP OF REACTIONS FROM THESE APPROACHES,  
AND CORRELATION AND COMMUNICATION OF THIS INFORMATION BY  
CANADIANS, US REP MEYERS WOULD ADVISE POLISH REP WYZNER  
OF RESULTS OF CONSULTATIONS AMONG WEO GROUP. SORENSON

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